

Missouri Department of Corrections 2018 PREA Annual Report

The Missouri Department of Corrections (MODOC) is committed to providing a safe environment for all offenders housed within our facilities. While incarcerated within the Missouri Department of Corrections, or residing in one of the agency's community confinement facilities, offenders have the right to be free from sexual abuse, sexual harassment and retaliation. The agency maintains a strict "Zero Tolerance" policy.

In 2018, MODOC continued our commitment to offender sexual safety and remained in full compliance with the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). In November 2018, the governor again certified the State of Missouri to be in full compliance.

Pursuant to 115 CFR 88 Data Review for Corrective Action, the following is a summary of the agency's efforts in maintaining full PREA compliance:

State Compliance:

During year 3, of audit cycle 2, PREA Compliance Audits were conducted in the 6 Missouri prisons and 1 community confinement facility listed below:

- Chillicothe Correctional Center
- Kansas City Reentry Center
- Maryville Treatment Center
- Northeast Correctional Center
- South Central Correctional Center
- Southeast Correctional Center
- Transition Center of St. Louis

Each facility was found to be in full compliance.

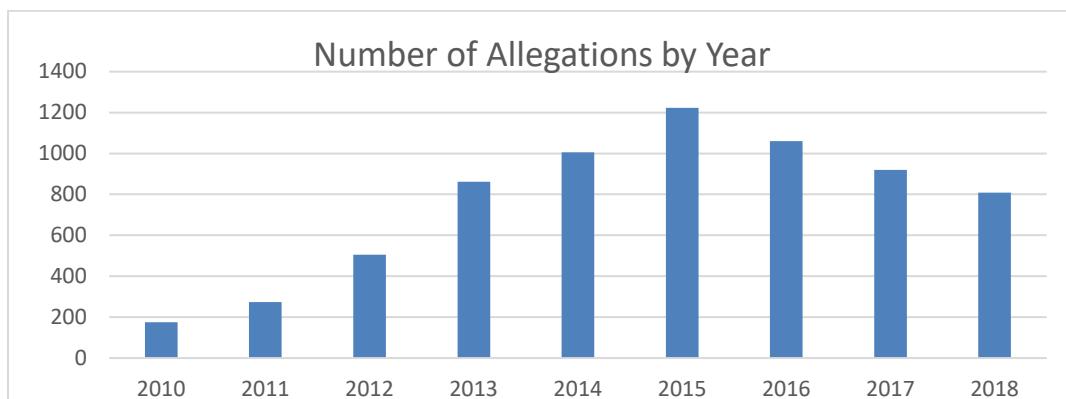
Trend Analysis:

In calendar year 2018, MODOC received and investigated 808 allegations of offender sexual abuse or sexual harassment, which was a decrease from 920 investigations conducted in calendar year 2017. The chart below depicts the number of allegations received in 2018, by incident type and the finding of the subsequent investigation.

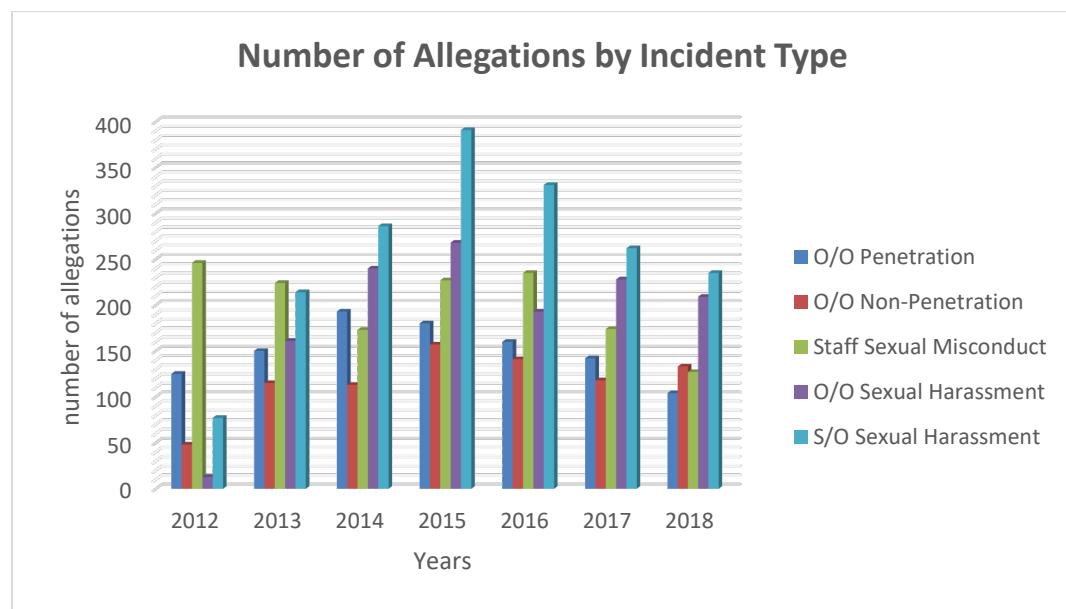
Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Total
O/O Penetration	16	36	52	104
O/O Non-Penetration	16	46	71	133
Staff Sexual Misconduct	19	29	79	127
O/O Sexual Harassment	33	108	68	209
S/O Sexual Harassment	8	136	91	235
TOTAL	92	355	361	808

[O/O=Offender-on-Offender; S/O = Staff-on-Offender]

Since 2015, the agency has seen a significant decline in the number of allegations received, as depicted by the graph below. This decrease in allegations is contributed to consistently holding all subjects of substantiated offender sexual abuse accountable and seeking prosecution when applicable.



The graph below gives a visual comparison of the number of investigations conducted per year by incident type over a seven-year period.



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On-Going Corrective Action:

Pursuant to PREA Standards 115.87, 115.88 and 115.89, the agency collects accurate, uniform data from every allegation of sexual abuse and repeated allegations of sexual harassment from prisons and community confinement facilities under the governor's direct control. The 2018 data was collected in the agency's Corrections Information Network (COIN), which is a web based information system.

While MODOC has been in full compliance with PREA standards since 2015, we continue to enhance our efforts to maintain an atmosphere of sexual safety for our offender population. These efforts include: continued upgrades to video technology, updating the agency's bi-annual PREA all-staff training, yearly meetings with the facilities compliance managers and conducting mock audits to ensure continued compliance within the agency's 27 facilities.

PREA Specialized Investigative Unit:

The most significant stride toward maintaining the agency's commitment to Zero Tolerance was the development of the PREA Specialized Investigations Unit, established in June, 2017. This specialized unit is managed by the agency's PREA Coordinator and is staffed with 10 investigators focused solely on offender sexual abuse investigations. These investigators receive ongoing specialized training and have an in-depth knowledge of the PREA standards. This allows the investigators to identify areas of compliance that should be revised, enhanced, or corrected thereby, effectively combining PREA compliance with PREA investigations.

In addition, PREA Investigators speak at each PREA Basic Training class to ensure all new staff have a solid foundation regarding the agency's commitment to offender sexual safety. This allows a subject matter expert to provide up-to-date information and to answer questions pertaining to PREA standards, investigations, mandatory reporting and staff conduct.

Since the inception of the PREA Specialized Investigative Unit, the agency has observed an increase in the percent of substantiated investigations and a reduction in the percent of unsubstantiated investigations.

